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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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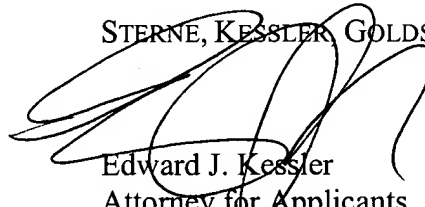
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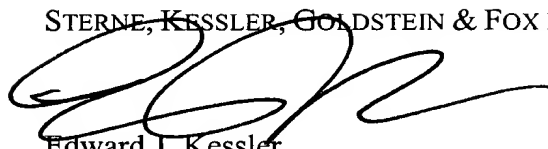
In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 37-64. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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